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THE REHEARSAL.

1. The *Party*, not the *Perſon*, concern'd in the *Memorial*.
2. Further *Prov'd*, becauſe the *Perſon* not *Diſcover'd*.
3. Mr. *Stephens* call'd a *New-Convert* to *High-Church*.
4. The *Deſign* of the Freſh *Attack* made upon the late *Miniſtry*.
5. Particularly upon the *Admiralty* and *Navy*.
6. The *Moderation* of the *Whiggs* in this Caſe.
7. The *Obſervator's* Performance of his *Promiſe*, like *Himſelf*! Wherein his *Guilt* further Appears.
8. A *Bundle* of Notorious *Lies* he tells of the *Author* he ſuppoſes of the *Rehearſal*.

WEDNESDAY, *May* 1ſt. 1706.

(1.) *Country-man.* YOu have fully clear'd the *High-Church* in your Laſt, *Maſter*, from having any Art or Part in the *Memorial of the Church of England*. But I thought you cou'd have pointed out the particular *Author*.

Rehearſal. No, *Country-man*, I aſſure you I know him not. And if I did, I love not the *Office* of an *Informer*. But I have left it among the *Whiggs*. My *Deſign* was not for or againſt *Perſons* but *Parties*. I have ſhew'd the *Forge* where it was Wrought, tho' I know not the *Hammer-man*.

(2.) And I have another Reaſon I have not mention'd yet, why this did not Come from *High-Church*. And that is, That no *Paper* wrote on that ſide that has been *Search'd* for, but has been found out. And I fancy this of the *Memorial* wou'd have had no Better *Luck*, if it had come from that *Quarter*.

Country-m. That may be, *Maſter*, becauſe none of them have been *Search'd* for. Or that none of them Deſerve to be *Search'd* for, as having nothing in them that is juſtly *Offenſive*.

Rehearſ. The laſt is the Caſe in this *Reign*. But in the Former, there were *Jealouſies* and *Fears* concerning the *Church*, which are now *Silenc'd*, becauſe of the *Queen's* having been *Educated* in our Church, and her known *Affection* and *Zeal* for it. But before, when we had a *Prince* who had been Brought up where there was no *Epiſcopacy*, and a Different *Frame* of both *Eccleſiaſtical Government*, and *Divine Service*, and where *Eraſtianiſm* Reign'd in Perfection, ſome men cou'd not keep in their *Fears*, but watch'd every *Step* with a *Jealous* Eye, and ſent forth *Papers* and *Pamphlets* on that Subject, for which ſeveral were taken and *Puniſhed*. But in this *Reign* when the *Whiggs* cou'd find nothing againſt the *Church*, they were forc'd to make *Faults* for them, to write *Sorteſt Ways*, *Memorials*, and *Letters*, and put them upon the *Church*. And *Blacken* her with their own *Crimes*!

(3.) *Country-m.* Purſuant to this Method, the *Review* has frequently, ſince Mr. *Stephens* has been *Detected*, Reckon'd him among the *High-Church-Men*. And in his of the 25th laſt *Month* he calls him a *New Convert* to *High-Church*.

Rehearſ. He had not then ſeen mine that came out the Day before. Let him now Anſwer it. Tho' I had ſaid enough in my Former, to have *Silenc'd* any *Modeſt* man, from this *Ridiculous* Pretence. But let *De Foe* now ſhew any *Signs* of Mr. *Stephens* his *Converſion* to *High-Church*. What has he *Said*, or what has he *Done*, that ſo much as *Looks* that way?

(4.) But I'll give Mr. *De Foe* another *Task*. Let him now Defend *Himſelf*. He has of late Employ'd his *Papers*, in Running his *Changes* back over again againſt the late *Miniſtry*. He is *Chewing* the *Cud* upon his *Sweet Bit* of *Scandal* and *Reflection*. This always *Taſts* in his *Mouth*! It is a *Haut-Gouſt* to him!

But yet I will Excuſe him from having nothing elſe but *Malice*, in this *Trampling* upon the *Dead*. No! No! He has ſomething elſe in view! There are ſome *Living* he would have *Dead* too! For I wou'd Ask him, who were the *Chief* of the late *Miniſtry*, whoſe *Aſhes* he now *Rakes*? Are they not the *Chief* ſtill? And muſt not ſome of all that vile *Scandal* thrown upon the late *Miniſtry*, to make them *Odious* to the *Nation*, muſt not ſome of this Light upon ſome who were *Chief* then, and are *Chief* ſtill? The *Whiggs* think not the *Miniſtry* yet ſufficiently *Purg'd*. My laſt told you of *two* Great Men, whom they have Conſtantly *Purſu'd*. And let *De Foe* tell at whom elſe all his now freſh *Railing* at the late *Miniſtry* is Levell'd! While they *Remain*, he think the others may *Revive* at ſome time or other! And he is for *Thorough-Work*, for *Root* and *Branch*? He has not forgot his *Story* of *Peter*! But now he is *Down*, he wou'd keep him *Down*!

(5.) What is the Meaning of his *fellow-Tumpeter* the *Obſervator*, Sounding now again his old *Levet* againſt the *Admiralty*, and the ill *Conduct* of our *Naval* affairs? I told you before of the ſeveral *Attacks* he made againſt his *Royal Highneſs* the Lord *High-Admiral* by Name, and Quoted his very *Words*. Where then muſt his new *Accuſations* Light? againſt whom are they *Intended*?

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What is the Meaning of this *Concert* among the *Whigg Incendiaries*? Is it all by *Chance*? Is there no *Body* gives the *Word*? Have they no *Deſigns*? They do not want the *Fleet* to be put into their Hands! No, not they! And then with a Thorough *Purgation* of the *Miniſtry*, that none of the *Old* be left, what wou'd they do? No *Harm* to be ſure! No more than ever they did! *Truſt* them, and you will *Know*!

(6.) They were at firſt only for a *Share* in the *Miniſtry*. And now they tell us what *Share* they wou'd have. Nothing but the *Whole*! That is *All*! They Pleaded *Birth-Rights*, and being *Engliſh-Men*. But now *High-Church* are not *Engliſh*! They are *French-Pentioners*! And what have *ſuch* to do with *Birth-Right*! They wou'd make *ill Uſe* of it, and *Clogg* the *Chariot-Wheels*! *Moderation* is now a *Medlie*, a *Confuſion* and *Diſtraction* in *Councils*! There's no *Work* to be done with it! It is not long ſince the *Review* ſounded for *Victory*, ſaid the *Battle* was over, and the *Day* their own! What means this new *Allarm* to *War*? This new *Danger* from the old *Miniſtry*? Are any of them *Left*? What other *Meaning* can it have! To what other End wou'd it be worth the while to *Renew* the *Attack* againſt a *Dead Miniſtry*, but to ſhew that they are not all *Dead*!

(7.) *Country-m.* You have ſhew'd *Maſter*, fully before the *Attacks* of the *Whiggs* againſt *theſe*, particularly againſt *two* Chief Men of them. Both of whom the *Obſervator* ſtruck at, in his Mention of a *Medal*, with *Sine Clade Victor* upon it, and *Riding in Triumph over his Queen*; beſides ſeveral other very ſpiteful *Reflections* upon them. For which the *Obſervator* Promis'd to beg your *Pardon*, if you cou'd name thoſe *Papers* of his, in which what you Quoted were Contain'd. This you have done very Particularly, Has he Perform'd his *Promiſe*, and been as Good as his *Word*?

Rehearſ. That I never Expected, *Country-man.* To ſee a *WHIGG Confeſs* or *Repent*, or *Bluſh*! His *Anſwer* is in his *Vol.* 5. N. 10. the 20*th.* laſt *Month*.

Country-m. Pray *Maſter*, what do's he ſay?

Rehearſ. That he had not time to Look into his own *Papers*.

Country-m. That's downright Pleading *Guilty*, beſides exceeding *Silly*.

Rehearſ. He ſays further, that he *muſt not find the REHEARSAL Brains to know the Meaning of the Stories he tells.*

Country-m. He muſt want *Brains* indeed that cannot find out the *Meaning* of ſuch *Stories* as can have no other *Meaning*! However the *Virulence* of the *Party*, is hereby moſt Apparent againſt theſe *two* Great Men. Who muſt want *Brains* too (and then they are no *Dangerous* Enemies) if they ſee not the *Love* of this *Party* to them! When ſuch *Diſcriptions* are given of them, as cannot poſſibly be Apply'd to any other.

(8.) But *Maſter*, if they cannot be Reveng'd on *Them*, they will on you. Like a man who, when any body *Affronted* him, went home and Beat his *Wife*, becauſe no Body elſe wou'd let him. Here's a *Parcel* of *Stories*, the ſame *Obſervator* tells of you. And I wou'd Deſire your Anſwer to them. He ſays your *Father* was *One* of *MONTROSE's Chaplains in his Rapines ui'd in SCOTLAND*, and ſets down a *Prophane* ſort of a *Prayer* he made *before an Engagement with ARGYLE*.

Rehearſ. I can Aſſure you, *Country-Man*, that my *Father* was never *Chaplain* to *Montroſe*, nor with him in any of his *Engagements* againſt *Argyle*. And that *Prayer* was a meer *Fiction*.

Though I ſhou'd think it far from a *Diſhonour* if my *Father* had ſerv'd the *King* with that moſt Glorious *Hero* of his Age, againſt that *Covenanted Band* of *Rebels*. But he Aſſiſted to his Power, in Another *Kingdom*, againſt other *Rebels*, not more *Guilty* than *theſe* in *Scotland*. Nor more than Mr. *Tutchin*, who here declares himſelf a Thorough *Rebel*, in giving the Name of *Rapines* to the Great *Montroſe's* Noble *Defence* of his *King* and *Country*, againſt the Bloody *Rage* of *Fanatick Miſcreants*, the *Diſgrace* of *Mankind*, and *Scandal* of *Chriſtianity*!

Country-m. He ſays your *Father* was made *Biſhop* of *Rapho* in *Ireland*, at the *Reſtoration*, for his *Zeal* to *Montroſe*.

Rehearſ. Whom he means by my *Father* was *Biſhop* of *Rapho* before the Beginning of the *Rebellion* of *Forty-One*.

Country-m. He ſays you were Bred a *Lawyer*, but to ſerve *Tyrconnel* was made a *Prieſt*.

Rehearſ. Whom he here means was in *Holy Orders* in the *Reign* of K. *Char.* 2*d.* before *Tyrconnel* was any thing, or that he knew there was ſuch a Man in the World.

Country-m. He ſays, that *after the REVOLUTION you wrote three moſt Scandalous Libels.* Tho' he Names but *two.* 1. *Britains Juſt Compaint.* 2. *That Virulent Libel on the Good Queen*, Call'd, *God's Curſe on the Sin of Diſobedience, that they ſhall be taken off in the Flower of their Age.*

Rehearſ. For the *firſt*, I have always heard it Attributed to Sr. *James Montgomery* of *Skelmerly*. But I aſſure you it was none of Mine. And for the *Second*, I never *Saw* it nor *Heard* of it, till I Read this *Title* of it in this *Obſervator*.

Country-m. He ſays you were *Seiz'd* at *Graveſend* going to *France*.

Rehearſ. That's as True as all the Reſt. That is, not one word of it.

Country-m. He ſays, *By the favourable Influence of SOME BODY you went to St. GERMAINS*, &c.

Rehearſ. I *Provoke* him to Name that *Some Body* or to *Prove* one *Title* of what he ſays. He has my free Leave to *Inform*.

What a *Task* is it to Anſwer ſuch a *Bundle* of *Lies*? To have to Deal with Men that make no *Conſcience* of *Lying* and *Slander*!

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